Further action in the matter depends upon the direction of the Hon'ble Court.

MCD has also initiated action under Section 349 of the D.M.C. Act.

Leucoderma

3360. SHRI R. DEVADASS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any effective medicine for the cure of Leucoderma have been developed in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any research has been carried out under Indian system of medicine or Homoeopathy for the cure and treatment of Leucoderma; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Various modalities of treatment of Leucoderma are available in the country; such as, psoralen drugs, systemic and topical steroids, placental extract etc. which are effective in a proportion of cases.

(c) and (d) The details of researches done under the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Researches on Leucoderma under ISM and Homoeopathy

UNANI

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is engaged in research on Bars (Vitiligo) with a view to developing a safe, effective and successful treatment of this disorder. Various Unani formulations are under investigations at the Regional Research Institutes of Unani Medicine.

AYURVEDIC

AYUSH-57, a Coded Drug is under the process of trial in cases of Leucoderma under the Council with varying degrees of response.

HOMOEOPATHY

Many cases of Vitiligo/Leucoderma under Homoeopathic treatment have been reported since the discovery of Homoepathy. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had undertaken clinical evaluation of homoeopathic medicine in Vitiligo at its Clinical Research Unit, Surat (Gujarat) in 1985. The study was withdrawn for want of sufficient number of cases. Homoeopathic medicines are, however, prescribed on the basis of individual's constitutional, both mental/emotional and physical attributes and, therefore, no medicine can be used to specifically treat a disease/disorder.

Declining Standards of Indian Science

3361. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the declining standards of Indian Science;

(b) whether the major science policy decision taken at various high level meetings are not communicated to the working bench-level scientists;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of various official meetings attended by the Chairman of the Department of Atomic Energy and the present Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board during 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) It is not correct that there is a decline in the standards of Indian Science.

(b) and (c) Policy initiatives and decisions taken at various levels are communicated to all concerned levels of scientists for implementation. Inputs received in the process of implementation of policies and programmes are also taken into account.

(d) There have been no official meetins in this context in view of the position stated in reply to part (b) and (c).

Consulate General Office

3362. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 6176 on 14 May, 1997 regarding Consulate General Office and state;

(a) whether all the diplomatic issues have been resolved for permitting opening of an Honorary Consulate General in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the consulate is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) to (c) There are still certain diplomatic issues which need to be resolved before Government of India can think in terms of permitting the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open an Honorary Consulate General in India.